

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1308 - HB 1754

March 31, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the distinctive markings for school buses, church buses, and youth buses to be on the front and rear of the vehicle and not less than 10 inches in height rather than 6 inches as required in existing law. Increases the fine for failing to stop upon approaching a school bus from not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 to not less than \$350 nor more than \$2,500.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Less than \$25,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$500,000 One-Time
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state revenues from the increased fines estimated to be less than \$25,000. State receives proceeds from fine in accordance with T.C.A. 55-10-303.
- clerks receive commission on fines collected.
- an increase in local government expenditures for the cost of replacing the signs on all school buses to comply with the requirement that the lettering be 10" high.
- the "School Bus" decals used on buses include a reflective background and would cost approximately \$50 each or \$100 per bus (front and back signs). With over 8,000 buses in use across the state, the total increase in expenditures is estimated to exceed \$500,000 one-time.
- new buses would be ordered with signs in compliance with these provisions.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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